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*A translation of a letter of the 17th of August last from his Majesty Alexander, Emperor of Russia, in reply to the joint resolution of Congress approved on the 16th of May, 1866, relative to the attempted assassination of the Emperor.*

DECEMBER 17, 1866.—Read, referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and ordered to be printed.

### *To the Senate and House of Representatives :*

I communicate a translation of a letter of the 17th of August last, addressed to me by his Majesty Alexander, Emperor of Russia, in reply to the joint resolution of Congress approved on the 16th of May, 1866, relative to the attempted assassination of the Emperor, a certified copy of which was, in compliance with the request of Congress, forwarded to his Majesty by the hands of Gustavus V. Fox, late Assistant Secretary of the Navy of the United States.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

WASHINGTON, December 14, 1866.

*His Majesty the Emperor of Russia to the President of the United States of America.*

[Translation.]

PETERHOF, August 17, 1866.

I have received from the hands of Mr. Fox the resolution of the Congress of the United States of America, on the occasion of the providential grace of which I have been the object.

That mark of sympathy has moved me sensibly. It is not alone personal; it attests once more the sentiments that bind the American nation to that of Russia.

The two peoples have no injuries to remember, but only good relations. Under all circumstances new proofs of mutual benevolence are added.

These cordial relations are as conducive to their reciprocal interests as to the good of civilization and humanity, and answer the designs of Divine Providence, whose will is peace and concord among all nations.

It gives me a lively pleasure to see these ties constantly strengthened more and more. I have imparted my sentiments to Mr. Fox. I pray you to be my

interpreter to Congress and the American people, whom it represents. Tell them how much I appreciate, and with me the whole of Russia, the testimonies of friendship they have given me, and how happy I will be to see the American nation grow in strength and prosperity by the union and constant practice of the civic virtues that distinguish it.

Accept at the same time the assurance of the high consideration with which I am your good friend,

ALEXANDER.